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The Honorable Mel Hancock  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Attention: Manning Feraci  
129 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hancock:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Lt. Terry Moback, Asst. Jail Administrator, Jasper County, regarding the Commission's Billed Party Preference (BPP) proceeding. On May 19, 1994, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding. I have enclosed a copy of the Further Notice and press release accompanying it for your information.

The Further Notice sets forth a detailed cost/benefit analysis of BPP. This analysis indicates, based on the available data, that the benefits of BPP to consumers would exceed its costs. The Further Notice seeks comment on this analysis and asks interested parties to supplement the record concerning the costs and benefits of BPP. The Further Notice also invites parties to recommend alternatives to BPP that could produce many of the same benefits at a lower cost.

The Further Notice also explicitly seeks comment on whether correctional facility telephones should be exempt if BPP is adopted. Specifically, the Further Notice seeks additional information on the effectiveness and costs of controlling fraud originating on inmate lines with or without BPP. The Further Notice also seeks comment on a proposal to exempt prison telephones from BPP if the operator service provider adheres to rate ceilings for inmate calling services.

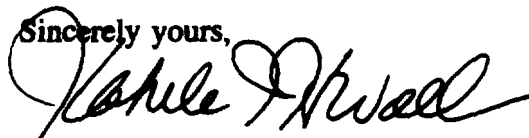
BPP would not preclude prison officials from blocking or limiting inmate calls to specific telephone numbers in order to prevent threatening and harassing calls. Moreover, BPP would not affect the ability of prison officials to limit inmates to collect calling or to program telephone equipment at the prison site to block certain numbers.

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Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. I can assure you that the Commission will carefully examine all of the comments submitted in response to the Further Notice, including additional empirical data regarding the costs and benefits of implementing BPP and the impact of BPP on telephone service from correctional facilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M.H. Wallman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kathleen M.H. Wallman  
Chief  
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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2507

August 16, 1994

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Office of Congressional and Public Affairs  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am forwarding the attached copy of a letter I received from a constituent. As this is a matter which falls under your jurisdiction, I would appreciate a thorough response to the issues raised in the letter.

Please forward your response to the attention of Manning Feraci in my Washington office along with a copy of my constituent's inquiry.

Your prompt assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours for BETTER - but LESS - GOVERNMENT,

  
Mel Hancock  
Member of Congress



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JULY 27, 1994

Congressman Mel Hancock  
7th District  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Billed Party Preference

Before The  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of )  
Billed Party Preference ) CC DOCKET 92-77  
For 0+ InterLata Calls )

Dear Congressman Hancock,

We at the Jasper County Law Enforcement Center are concerned about the proposed Billed Party Preference for long distance telephone calls. There are a number of areas that will be affected to our detriment, namely:

1. We will lose blocking control of our inmate phone calls to prevent harassing and unwanted calls to families and victims.
2. The potential for fraud will enter back into the system.
3. We will lose control of setting call length time, this results in an unequal, unfair advantage for time for a few inmates and a great disadvantage to the others.
4. We will lose the ability to track phone numbers should a situation arise that we needed to.
5. The County of Jasper County will lose a source of revenue.

We eagerly oppose the BPP and encourage you sir, to help with your position to do the same.

Thank you.

*Terry Moback*  
Lt. Terry Moback  
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